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TAGS: CPRC, US, MX

SUBJ: TRAWLER, "IVY LEAGUE"

REF: MERIDA 0152 AND PREVIOUS

SENATOR TOWER INTERESTED

1. IN LATE MAY 1976, PRINCIPAL OFFICER HAD CONFERENCE
IN TEXAS WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF DIERHAM & DIERHAM
INSURANCE COMPANY.

2. REPRESENTATIVE INDICATED THAT WHILE HE WAS FAIRLY
CERTAIN SUBJECT VESSEL WAS A TOTAL LOSS, HE WOULD LIKE
CONSULATE TO CONFIRM HIS OPINION. REPRESENTATIVE COULD
OFFER NO EVIDENCE OF COLLUSION BETWEEN CREW MEMBERS AND
MEXICAN AUTHORITIES TO DENY OWNER HIS RIGHTS. NOR COULD
HE PROVIDE ANY EVIDENCE THAT FEES BEING CLAIMED BY
MEXICAN AUTHORITIES WERE NOT JUSTIFIED EXPENSES MADE TO
PROTECT THE VESSEL.

3. INQUIRIES MADE OF CAPTAIN OF PORT AT CAMPECHE REVEAL
INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE DECLINED TO PAY ANY EXPENSES
INCIDENT TO SALVAGE OF THE VESSEL. IN FEBRUARY 1976,
AFTER VIEWING FIRE DAMAGE TO VESSEL, REPRESENTATIVE OF
OWNER AND INSURANCE COMPANY DEPARTED CAMPECHE AND HAVE
NOT CONTACTED PORT CAPTAIN SINCE.

UNDER MEXICAN LAW HE CONSIDERED THE VESSEL ABANDONED

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AND IT WAS SOLD TO MEXICAN CITIZENS ON MAY 4, 1976.

4. UNLESS FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS OR INQUIRIES ARE RECEIVED FROM THE FORMER OWNER OR INSURANCE COMPANY, THE CONSULATE WILL CONSIDER THIS CASE CLOSED. UNQUOTE
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